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Idaho Milk Production Up 2.5 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2012 totaled 1.17 billion pounds, a 2.5 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 6.3 percent from April 2012. April 2012 milk production was revised to 1.10 billion pounds, down 4 million pounds. Average milk production per cow in May 2012 was 2,030 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during May was 578,000 head, the same level as May 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.4 billion pounds, up 2.1 percent from May 2011. April revised production at 16.0 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from April 2011. The April revision represented an increase of 38 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,924 pounds for May, 22 pounds above May 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.52 million head, 77,000 head more than May 2011, but 3,000 head less than April 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2011-2012

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	186	194	2,140	2,155	398	418	5.0
California	1,767	1,783	2,080	2,100	3,675	3,744	1.9
Colorado	126	132	2,040	2,105	257	278	8.2
Florida	119	123	1,725	1,785	205	220	7.3
Idaho	578	578	1,980	2,030	1,144	1,173	2.5
Illinois	98	100	1,700	1,720	167	172	3.0
Indiana	171	176	1,825	1,855	312	326	4.5
Iowa	208	206	1,860	1,855	387	382	-1.3
Kansas	122	124	1,855	1,895	226	235	4.0
Michigan	364	375	2,040	2,050	743	769	3.5
Minnesota	468	465	1,680	1,690	786	786	-
Missouri	96	94	1,360	1,390	131	131	-
New Mexico	327	337	2,180	2,145	713	723	1.4
New York	610	610	1,845	1,890	1,125	1,153	2.5
Ohio	268	271	1,680	1,735	450	470	4.4
Oregon	121	123	1,790	1,805	217	222	2.3
Pennsylvania	543	536	1,730	1,715	939	919	-2.1
Texas	430	440	1,955	1,925	841	847	0.7
Utah	87	91	1,810	1,865	157	170	8.3
Vermont	135	133	1,655	1,675	223	223	-
Virginia	96	96	1,585	1,585	152	152	-
Washington	261	266	2,055	2,075	536	552	3.0
Wisconsin	1,266	1,271	1,805	1,840	2,285	2,339	2.4
23-State Total	8,447	8,524	1,902	1,924	16,069	16,404	2.1

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho May Red Meat Production Down 74 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2012 totaled 3.6 million pounds, down 74 percent from May of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2012 period totaled 17.2 million pounds, down 75 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in May, up 7 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in May 2011. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 2 percent from May 2011. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,280 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.4 million pounds, 1 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,200 head, down 3 percent from May 2011. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from last year, at 295 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.93 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.28 million head, up 9 percent from May 2011. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was up 5 percent from May 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 180,400 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 151 pounds, up 8 pounds from May a year ago. January to May 2012 commercial red meat production was 20.2 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	May 2012 as % of 2011 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	143.3	143.5	149.5	104
Colorado	169.5	170.8	185.1	109
Idaho	13.9	3.4	3.6	26
Illinois	209.4	230.8	247.6	118
Iowa	502.6	531.7	549.5	109
Kansas	437.8	408.2	458.7	105
Minnesota	214.3	214.5	229.6	107
Montana	1.5	1.6	1.5	98
Nebraska	564.8	547.8	626.8	111
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	87
Oklahoma	94.7	94.6	95.0	100
Oregon	5.6	5.6	6.3	114
South Dakota	75.6	81.9	82.7	109
Texas	438.7	398.3	449.4	102
Utah	34.0	37.9	38.5	113
Washington	68.9	66.7	80.5	117
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.5	112
United States	3,914.8	3,855.0	4,182.8	107

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

2/ Totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed down 9 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2012 totaled 210,000 head, down 9 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 2 percent from May 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 29,000 head, down 7,000 head from May 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during May totaled 32,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head during May.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on June 1, 2012. The inventory was 2 percent above June 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.09 million, 15 percent above 2011. Net placements were 1.99 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 520,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 530,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 672,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.02 million, 1 percent above 2011. Other disappearance totaled 100,000 during May, 23 percent above 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	June 1, 2011	May 1, 2012	June 1, 2012		
			Number	As % of 2011	As % of May
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
Arizona	290	276	282	97	102
California	460	475	490	107	103
Colorado	1,080	1,030	1,020	94	99
Idaho	230	215	210	91	98
Iowa	610	650	640	105	98
Kansas	2,110	2,080	2,090	99	100
Nebraska	2,190	2,460	2,360	108	96
Oklahoma	355	295	320	90	108
South Dakota	235	245	235	100	96
Texas	2,760	2,710	2,770	100	102
Washington	193	224	220	114	98
Other States	389	450	445	114	99
United States	10,902	11,110	11,082	102	100

Stocks In Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on May 31, 2012, totaled 845 million pounds, down 5 percent from April 30, 2012 and down slightly from May 31, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 233 million pounds, were up 3 percent from April stocks and up 4 percent from the same month last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2012, totaled 264 million pounds, up 4 percent from the end of the previous month and up 55 percent from May 31, 2011. Stocks of American cheese totaled 623 million pounds, down 1.5 percent from April 30, 2012, but up less than 1 percent from last year.

Commodity	May 31, 2011	April 30, 2012	May 31, 2012	2012 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	847,211	887,170	844,523	100
Other Frozen	225,338	227,493	233,413	104
TOTAL	1,072,549	1,114,663	1,077,936	101
DAIRY				
Butter	170,095	254,184	264,326	155
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	622,672	632,653	623,176	100

